Introduced by Senator Kehoe

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 5008.9 to the Public Resources Code, relating to parks and recreation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 606, as amended, Kehoe. Parks and recreation: lifeguards.

Existing law requires the State Personnel Board to create and adjust classes of positions in the state civil service. Existing law requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to implement various recreation programs in units of the state park system, and to hire and train employees to administer those programs, including employees in the Ranger/Lifeguard classification. Existing law requires that specified funds received by the department be used for training department employees in the Ranger/Lifeguard classification, including, among other things, law enforcement training. Various provisions of law give lifeguards specified law enforcement authority.

This bill would authorize the State Personnel Board to create a classification for full-time lifeguards that does not require completion of the basic training course established by the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training.

This bill would require the department, whenever feasible, to fill positions in the lifeguard classification with a full-time employee when the position is not of a seasonal nature and can be performed on a year-round basis by a single individual.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5008.9 is added to the Public Resources 2 Code, to read:

5008.9. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever feasible, the department shall fill positions in the lifeguard classification with a full-time employee when the position is not of a seasonal nature and can be performed on a year-round basis by a single individual.

(b) The State Personnel Board may create a classification for full-time lifeguards that does not require completion of the basic training course established by the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training.